

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Larry Stearns has provided outstanding service as Executive Director of the South Dakota State Brand Board since 2007; and,

Whereas, He has supervised a staff of more than 120 people including office personnel, full-time and part-time inspectors; and,

Whereas, He has managed a successful brand program that inspects more than 1.5 million head of cattle each year; and,

Whereas, He has provided strong leadership and steadfast support to the State Brand Board as it fulfilled its charge of registering livestock brands, inspecting livestock for ownership identification purposes, and enforcing South Dakota's brand laws; and,

Whereas, He initiated the effort to make the South Dakota Brand Book, including its more than 26,000 registered livestock brands, readily available to the public via the world wide web; and,

Whereas, He has worked tirelessly to modernize and improve the brand inspection system, including implementing an electronic tallying system which saves time, improves efficiency, and benefits South Dakota's livestock producers; and,

Whereas, His friends and family will assemble on March 22nd, 2013, to celebrate his retirement from the State Brand Board:


Now, Therefore, I, Dennis M. Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2013 as

LARRY STEARNS DAY

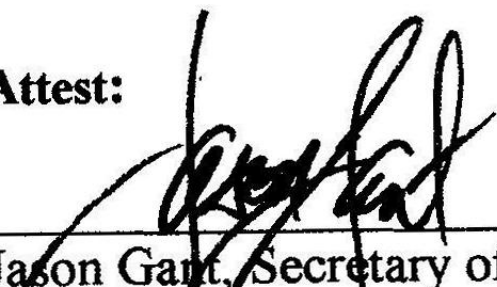
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.


Dennis M. Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Jason Gant, Secretary of State